

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replace Figure 1 with the accompanying new Figure 1.

REMARKS

A new Figure 1 is submitted herewith, in which the reference numeral "1" is apparent. Reference numeral 6 already appears in Figure 2, so no change is made as to numeral 6.

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims that are believed to be proper as to form and clearly patentable over the cited references.

In drafting the new claims, careful attention was paid to the Examiner's formal criticisms of the previous claims, all of which criticisms are believed to be met by the new claims.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as anticipated by or unpatentable over HANSEN et al.

In Figure 3 of HANSEN et al., the initiator is assembled, but there is no clue as to the characteristics of the different parts before assembly. Accordingly, it is not possible to determine from HANSEN et al., that the internal diameter D_1 is smaller than the external diameter D_2 in the portions of the sub-assemblies which will be disposed opposite one another during ultrasonic welding.

This relationship is clearly brought out in new basic claim 21, which is accordingly rendered patentable thereby.

As to new claim 23, it is not possible to infer from HANSEN et al. that h' is smaller than $h + H$ before assembly of the sub-assemblies.

Thus, in HANSEN et al.'s Figure 3, the diameters can be the same as each other, or even the reverse of what is claimed in new claim 21, because in Figure 3 of HANSEN et al., a groove receives the end of the output cup and thus can tighten said end against the header body.


But in the present invention, there is no groove and the tightening is achieved thanks to the claimed relative diameters.

As the new claims bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- replacement sheet for Figure 1